

FY06 STATE POLICE TROOPER RECRUIT SCHOOL REPORT

Fourth Quarter

Legislative action in the FY06 budget, P.A. 159 of 2005, included boilerplate requiring a report on the status of the department's plan for a recruit school in FY06. The language reads as follows:

Sec. 218. (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for at-post troopers, 1 or more trooper recruit schools of a size, length, and date to be determined by the department or the legislature shall be conducted during fiscal year 2005-2006 with the goal of maintaining at-post trooper strength of at least 1,075 on September 30, 2006.

(3) The department shall submit quarterly written reports to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state police and military and veterans affairs no later than December 1, 2005, March 1, 2006, June 1, 2006 and September 1, 2006 which shall include a trooper strength report and the status of the department's plan for accomplishing the goal of subsection (2). If the department determines that insufficient appropriations exist under part 1 to accomplish the goal of subsection (2), the department shall submit a proposal outlining a plan to accomplish the goal including an accounting of any additional funding necessary to that end.

On December 2, 2004, the Michigan State Police (MSP) graduated 89 recruits. The at-post trooper strength upon graduation was 1,086. As of July 29, 2006, the MSP at-post trooper strength was 1,047. At this time, the MSP will continue to monitor at-post trooper attrition. Future recruiting and training efforts will address the need to offset attrition as funding permits.